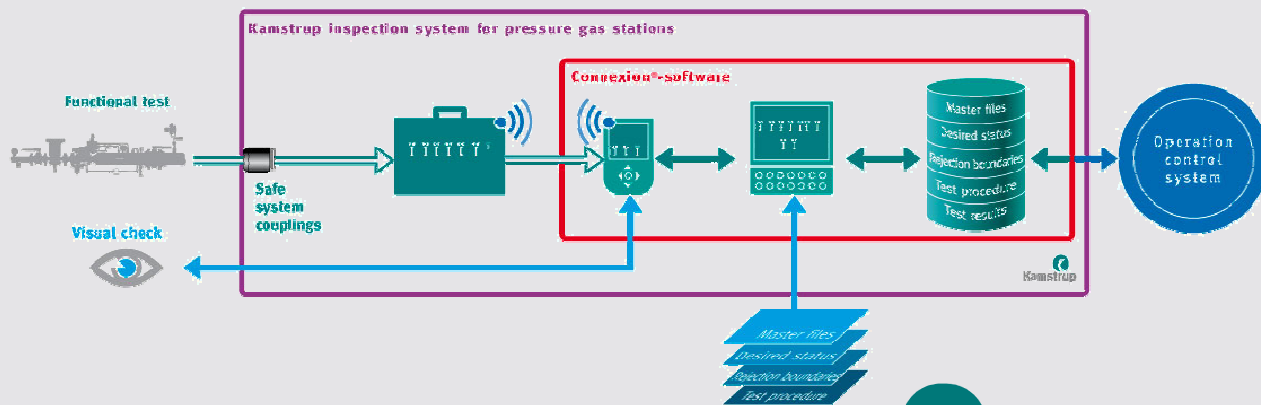


User Manual

# CONNEXION® - COMMUNICATOR



  
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## Preface

- This manual provides important information on the use of the CONNEXION® software. Please read this manual carefully.
- Various remarks and warnings in this manual are marked with symbols. Read these carefully and take measures where necessary.

The symbols used have the following meaning:

**REMARK**

Suggestions and recommendations to make tasks easier.

**NOTE**

A note draws the user's attention to potential problems.

**WARNING**

If the procedure is not carried out correctly, data or settings may be lost.

# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 The CONNEXION® software package

The Kamstrup inspection system for pressure regulator stations consists of two main parts: the portable PLEXOR® test device and the CONNEXION® software package.

With the portable and easy to handle PLEXOR® test device the performance of the main components of a pressure regulator station is meticulously tested. Reliable quantitative inspection results are achieved.

The PLEXOR® test device is connected to the pressure regulator station by means of specially designed safe measuring and diagnosis couplings that are permanently installed in the pressure regulator stations.

The inspection results obtained out of the above functional inspection of the pressure regulator station are automatically stored in a hand-held personal computer (PDA) without any specific action by the inspector being required.

The results of the visual inspection are entered manually. In this way, the condition of the installation is exactly recorded.

In the CONNEXION® software package the specific procedures used by the energy company for performing A and B inspections can be entered.

The CONNEXION® software package as a whole consists of four complementary modules: MANAGER, INSPECTOR, COMMUNICATOR and DIAGNOSTICS. A demo version of the DIAGNOSTICS module is supplied as a standard.

### Main characteristics:

- It has been developed to be used in combination with the PLEXOR® test device.
- It performs inspections in a highly automated way on the basis of procedures already in use by the energy company.
- It renders a high degree of uniformity and efficiency in the performance of inspections.
- It is suitable to perform functional inspections of components. The identity and other data of components can be registered.
- Its operation-oriented (not component-oriented) structure guarantees a smooth integration with existing business management systems.

## 1.2 The MANAGER module

MANAGER is intended as a tool to organise the CONNEXION® software package and to deal with inspection procedures, pressure regulator station data and rejection boundaries.

### Main characteristics:

- Company-specific inspection procedures and methodologies can be entered.
- There is sufficient capacity to control dozens of units from the INSPECTOR module.
- It manages the essential data of the PLEXOR® test device, such as serial number, Bluetooth address and calibration date.
- It manages the file locations for data exchange by the COMMUNICATOR module between INSPECTOR, MANAGER and a business management system, if any.

## 1.3 The INSPECTOR module

INSPECTOR is intended to be used by the inspector in the field. The software will guide the inspector through the mandatory procedure. The measuring data collected in the test are shown on screen on a real-time basis.

### Main characteristics:

- It guides the inspector through the inspection procedure in a simple way. As a result, the inspections are fully reproducible.
- It assists the inspector in the performance of the inspection procedure by means of auxiliary texts. The energy company can set up inspection procedures per type of pressure regulator station.
- It represents the status of inspections in the list of pressure regulator stations and gas control lines.
- Clear-cut input by making use of condition codes, option lists and check lists.
- Simple user interface and a touch screen for the operation of INSPECTOR.
- The results from the inspection of a gas control line are stored automatically and without specific action needed from the inspector. The inspector only needs to enter the results of the visual check manually by means of the keyboard.
- Measurements that are carried out during tests with the PLEXOR® test device are initiated by INSPECTOR. That considerably simplifies the execution of an inspection.
- The actual gas pressure is displayed on a real-time basis.
- Data are stored by INSPECTOR on an SD card.
- The inspection results are labelled with time and date stamp.
- The inspection results are labelled with the identity of the PLEXOR® test device and the digital manometer or manometers with which the results have been obtained (traceability).
- Representation of the inspection results of previous and present inspections is possible.
- Inspection results are compared against the rejection boundaries that have been entered. In case of rejection it is reported and, after the inspection procedure has been completed, the inspection can be repeated.
- Software setup, inspection procedures, pressure regulator station data and rejection boundaries cannot be modified with INSPECTOR. Alterations can be made by means of the MANAGER module.

## 1.4 The DIAGNOSTICS module

By using DIAGNOSTICS selections can be made of the measuring data obtained from functional inspections. DIAGNOSTICS will import the selected data and present these graphically in the form of a condition diagram. This graphical drawing provides insight into the condition of a pressure regulator station, a gas control line or a component.

### Main characteristics:

- The measuring data can easily be imported, by means of a script.
- The selected measuring data can be graphically presented. The graphical representation provides valuable information on the performance of components.
- Condition diagrams at different points of time can be presented in a graph (a trend graph). Such a trend graph in a simple way enables trend analyses to be made of the condition of a component or group of components. Condition diagram and trend graph can be selected on the basis of date.
- The condition diagrams of gas control lines of a pressure regulator station can be combined into a graphical drawing. With this function the performance of the gas control lines of a pressure regulator station can be compared against each other.
- Presentation of rejection boundaries and standard values in a condition diagram.
- Possibility to import and apply rejection boundaries that are laid down for a gas control line.
- Extensive zoom function.
- Memory of data for condition and trend graphs in Oracle® or Microsoft® Access database format.

DIAGNOSTICS allows for selecting and importing data for condition diagrams and trend graphs on the basis of various selection criteria. These determine which measuring data are stored in the DIAGNOSTICS database as input for condition or trend graphs.

### Example:

At a measurement of the maximum actuating pressure of a safety valve device it is defined that the measuring data shall be saved in the database from 20 s before till 5 s after triggering of the safety device.

The required data are selected from the relevant measuring data.

As in each inspection procedure specific inspection operations are involved, the selection criteria can be prepared as per inspection procedure.

## 1.5 The COMMUNICATOR module

The COMMUNICATOR module is used for the synchronisation of data between INSPECTOR, the various applications and the database.

This module is also used for the synchronisation of data between the business management system and the Kamstrup inspection system for pressure regulator stations.

### Main characteristics:

- Synchronisation of data between INSPECTOR, the various applications and the database.
- It can be installed separately.
- Input and output files in XML and/or ACCESS format can be used for data of pressure regulator stations and for inspection results.
- Information on INSPECTOR is shown in the COMMUNICATOR synchronisation screen, such as:
  1. INSPECTOR software version
  2. Most recent synchronisation date
  3. PDA serial number
  4. Battery status
  5. Memory status
- Status report on the synchronisation.
- Automatic synchronisation after the PDA has been connected to the desktop PC.

## 1.6 System integration with business management systems

CONNEXION® can be used in combination with all business management systems.

Thanks to this system integration the pressure regulator station data and the inspection results can be exchanged between the business management system and CONNEXION®.

The file format used is XML (eXtensible Markup Language). XML Scheme Definition files (XSD) are available for a clear-cut description of the setup and information of the XML files.

The use of XML and XSD files relatively simplifies the system integration of CONNEXION® into a business management system.

As an option, the objects and related measuring points can be included in the inspection procedure. As a result, the software for maintenance management can easily recognise the results of a certain measuring point.



## 2 Definitions

Microsoft® ActiveSync®:	Program for establishing a connection between the PDA and the desktop PC. Once the connection has been made, data can be synchronised.
Management:	Create, open, store, modify, copy, move and remove data, including alterations of file locations.
Condition code:	Customer-specific code used by the recording of the inspection results.
CONNEXION®:	Software package that consists of the modules MANAGER, INSPECTOR, COMMUNICATOR and DIAGNOSTICS. A demo version of the DIAGNOSTICS module is supplied as a standard item.
Check list:	List with condition codes; for each condition code it is shown whether it complies with the requirements, or not.
Inspector:	Person who performs inspections.
Inspection:	A verification by a procedure performed with the aim to establish and assess the condition of a pressure regulator station.
Inspection procedure:	Procedure to carry out an inspection.
Inspection result:	Result of an inspection.
Check list:	List which allows only one option to be selected.
Manager:	Person who is in charge of the data of CONNEXION® and who takes care of the coupling between pressure regulator stations, gas control lines and inspection procedures.
Measuring data:	Collected data achieved in the measurement. The measuring data are used in two ways: 1. to determine the inspection results by INSPECTOR, 2. to represent the condition diagrams.
Measurement:	Pressure reading in the functional test by means of the PLEXOR® test device.
Option list:	List that presents a number of condition codes, the inspector indicating, which condition code and/or codes apply.
PDA:	Personal Digital Assistant (hand-held personal computer).
Script command:	Specific part of an inspection procedure. An inspection procedure is sequentially performed according to a script. A script consists of a number of script commands.

### 3 Scope of supply, identification

CONNEXION® comprises:

- **CONNEXION® CD-ROM**  
This CD-ROM contains the MANAGER, INSPECTOR, COMMUNICATOR and DIAGNOSTICS software modules.  
DIAGNOSTICS is installed as a demo version and can be activated and registered later by means of a code, if preferred. COMMUNICATOR in an XML version can also be activated and registered later, if preferred.
- **Instruction card with brief installation description.**  
The INSPECTOR module is supplied as a robust and explosion-proof hand-held computer (zone 2 in conformity with ATEX Ex II 3G EEx nL IIC T4).

## 4 COMMUNICATOR

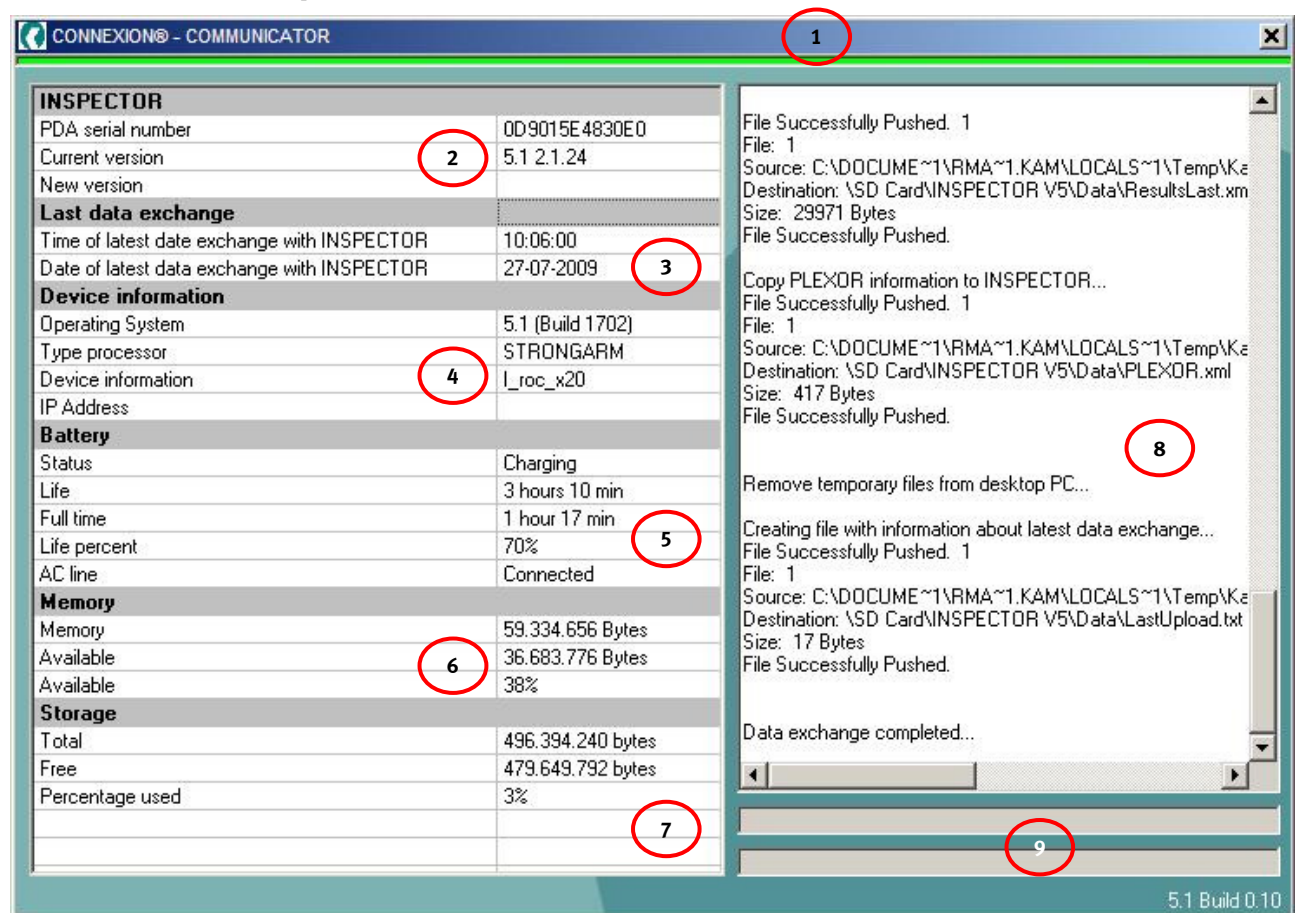
The COMMUNICATOR module is used for the synchronisation of data between INSPECTOR, the various applications and the various Microsoft® Access databases.

COMMUNICATOR can also be used for the synchronisation of data between the business management system and the Kamstrup inspection system for pressure regulator stations.

If a PDA is connected to the PC, COMMUNICATOR will check the serial number. The synchronisation data are retrieved on the basis of this serial number. In the MANAGER module these synchronisation data are set up for the PDA (see the MANAGER user manual).

It is possible to create a connection with a business management system. In case of a connection an activation code is necessary for each PDA.

### 4.1 Screen setup



1. Title bar and indicator bar. The status of the connection of the PC with the PDA is indicated by the colour of the indicator bar:

- Blue: no connection.
- Yellow: connection present, synchronisation started.
- Red: connection present, synchronisation stopped due to problems.
- Green: connection present, synchronisation completed successfully.

2. *INSPECTOR*:

- PDA serial number: the unique serial number of the PDA.
- Current version: the actual version of the INSPECTOR software on the PDA.
- New version: the version of the new INSPECTOR software available on the PC.

3. *Last data exchange:*
  - Time of latest data exchange with INSPECTOR.
  - Date of latest data exchange with INSPECTOR.
4. *Device information:*
  - Operating system: the operating system of the PDA.
  - Type processor: the processor type of the PDA.
  - Device Information: name of the PDA.
  - IP address.
5. *Battery:*
  - Status: status of the battery.
  - Life: total time available.
  - Full time: time left.
  - Life percent: percentage that battery is loaded.
  - AC line: is PDA connected to external current supply?
6. *Memory:*
  - Memory: total memory capacity.
  - Available: memory capacity available.
  - Percentage available: memory percentage available.
7. *Storage:*
  - Total: total storage capacity available.
  - Free: storage capacity available.
  - Percentage used: storage percentage available.
8. Progress bar with specified information per process.
9. Progress screens:
  - Above: Progress in the copying of files
  - Below: Progress in the synchronisation as a whole

## 5 Synchronisation

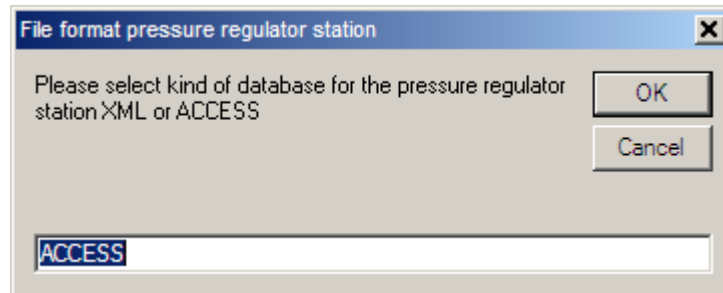
The synchronisation process consists of the following steps:

1. Reading the PDA data.
2. Reading the PDA serial number.
3. Allocation of data folders depending on the PDA serial number.
4. Creation of a temporary folder for the PDA data.
5. Determination when the latest data exchange with the PDA has taken place.
6. Import of the PDA data files.
7. Processing the inspection results. The inspection results will be stored by INSPECTOR in the *Results.xml* file. There are two options, depending on the setup selected:
  - The inspection results are stored in the Microsoft® Access *Result.mdb* database.
  - The inspection results from the *Results.xml* file are processed in the business management system.
8. If the data have been processed correctly, the inspection procedures, the inspection results and the measuring data files are deleted from the PDA.
9. Generation of a file with information on the pressure regulator station. Depending on the configuration:
  - all the pressure regulator stations from the Microsoft® Access *PRS.mdb* database are saved on the PDA, or
  - the various XML files with pressure regulator stations are processed.
10. Creation of an XML file (*ResultsLast.xml*) which contain the latest measuring results.
11. Deleting the pressure regulator station data and the inspection status from the PDA.
12. Copying the most recent pressure regulator station data, the XML file (*ResultsLast.xml*) with the latest measuring results and inspection procedures to the PDA.
13. Storage of date and time of the latest synchronisation on the PDA.

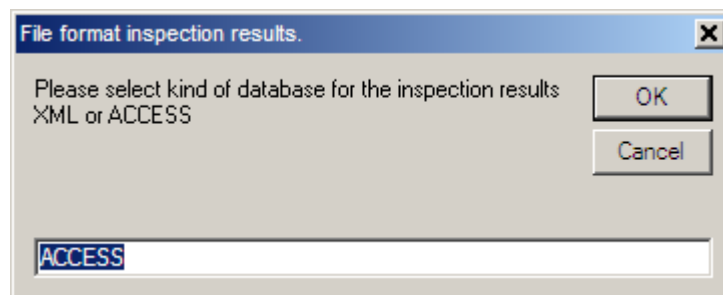
## 6 Files

At the first startup of COMMUNICATOR the system configuration shall be determined.

At first it has to be determined whether the pressure regulator station data, the gas control lines and the rejection boundaries are retrieved from the Microsoft® Access *PRS.mdb* database (select: ACCESS) or from the business management system (select: XML). In the latter case the business management system supplies the pressure regulator station data, the gas control lines and the rejection boundaries to the *StationInformation.xml* file. This selection can be made in the screen below:



Then it has to be determined whether the inspection results in the Microsoft® Access *Result.mdb* database (select: ACCESS) shall be stored or that the inspection results from the *Results.xml* file shall be processed in the business management system (select: XML). This selection can be made in the screen below:



In case of a stand-alone configuration, Microsoft® Access shall be selected (select: ACCESS/ACCESS).

In case of a connection with a business management system, the choice depends on the preferred arrangement of the connection.

### 6.1 XML pressure regulator station data file

If a business management system is used, the pressure regulator station data file can be stored as an XML file.

COMMUNICATOR combines the pressure regulator station data files into a single file. As a result, the business management system can create more pressure regulator station data files to be operated.

The pressure regulator station data files are combined using the following procedure:

- The basic items for finding out which file is the most recent one, are date and time of the pressure regulator station data files.
- The most recent file is taken as the basic file, as it contains the most recent data.
- The remaining files are handled in chronological order, starting with the most recent one.
- Only pressure regulator stations are added that are not yet present in the basic file.
- Pressure regulator stations that have not yet been inspected but are present in the pressure regulator station data file on the PDA, are added to the basic file.

The result is a file that contains a unique list of pressure regulator stations stating, for each pressure regulator station:

- the most recent data from the business management system and
- the pressure regulator stations that have not yet been inspected.

## 6.2 Microsoft® Access pressure regulator station data file

All the pressure regulator stations present in the Microsoft® Access database (*PRS.mdb*) are stored on the PDA.

## 6.3 Updating the results

### 6.3.1 From INSPECTOR PDA to PC in XML format

INSPECTOR stores the inspection results in the *Results.xml* XML file. In the synchronisation process the *Results.xml* XML file is taken from the INSPECTOR PDA. If the *Results.xml* XML file is not available on the PC, it will be created, otherwise the data are added to the file already present.

### 6.3.2 From INSPECTOR PDA to PC in Microsoft® Access format

All the measuring results are stored in the Microsoft® *Result.mdb* database.

### 6.3.3 From PC to INSPECTOR PDA in XML format

The business management system can create more *StationInformation.xml* XML files, if needed. In the synchronisation process all the data are added to a *StationInformation.xml* XML file. Of the pressure regulator stations and gas control lines present on the INSPECTOR PDA, only the most recent and current inspection results are available.

### 6.3.4 From PC to INSPECTOR PDA in Microsoft® Access format

In the synchronisation process the latest inspection result for a pressure regulator station and/or gas control line is added to the *ResultsLast.xml* XML file and sent from the PC to the INSPECTOR PDA.



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